

CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Chapter 10 - ANIMALS  
ARTICLE II. DOG LICENSE

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### **Sec. 10-46. Required.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, or harbor a dog that is four months old or older, in the city without having obtained a dog license from the city clerk in compliance with the provisions outlined in this article.
- (b) Any person violating this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution.

State law reference(s)—Similar provisions, MCL 287.266.

### **Sec. 10-47. Application requirements.**

All licenses shall be reapplied for annually on or before February 28 of each year with the city clerk. An exception to this requirement is when the owner has purchased a three-year dog license. All applications for dog licenses shall contain and/or provide the following information:

- (a) A detailed description of the dog for whom the license is sought and shall include information regarding the dog's name, breed, sex, age, color, description, and markings on the dog.
- (b) The full name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the dog for whom the license is sought.
- (d) A certificate of vaccination for rabies signed by a licensed veterinary surgeon, certifying that the dog for whom the license is sought has been so immunized within the one year or three years prior to expiration of any currently existing license. Certificate must also show proof of alteration records in order to reflect proper fees being charge for the license. To be valid, the rabies vaccination certificate cannot expire more than 30 days before expiration of the license.
- (e) The name, address, and the telephone number of the dog's veterinarian.
- (e) In order to purchase a three-year dog license, the vaccination expiration date must coincide with the date of the dog license, as listed as three years out from the date of application.

State law reference(s)—Similar provisions, MCL 287.266, 287.269.

### **Sec. 10-48. Fees and exemptions.**

- (a) The license fee for all dogs in accordance with this article shall be established by resolution of the city council.
- (b) A dog is not subject to any fee for licensing if either of the following apply:
  - (1) The dog is used as a guide or leader dog for a blind person, a hearing dog for a deaf or audibly impaired person, or a service dog for a physically limited person.
  - (2) The dog is owned by a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that trains dogs for use as a guide or leader dog for blind persons, hearing dogs for deaf or audibly impaired persons, or service dogs for physically limited persons.
  - (3) The dog is owned and/or used by a law enforcement officer to carry out the law enforcement officer's official duties.

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- (c) As used in this section:
- (1) *Audibly impaired* means audibly impaired as defined in section 1 of Public Act No. 82 of 1982 (MCL 752.61).
  - (2) *Blind person* means a blind person as defined in section 1 of Public Act No. 260 of 1978 (MCL 393.351).
  - (3) *Deaf person* means a deaf person as defined in section 1 of Public Act No. 82 of 1971 (MCL 752.61)
  - (4) *Person with disabilities* means a person who is audibly impaired, blind, deaf, or otherwise physically limited.
- (d) The licensee fee for a dog license which has not been obtained prior to February 28 of any year shall be considered delinquent and late fees shall be assessed as established by resolution of the city council.
- (e) Exceptions to the late fee would be new dog ownership that occurs after February 28 of any year or a dog that has not yet been registered with the city due to the owner moving into the city.

State law reference(s)—Similar provisions, MCL 287.266, 287.269.

### **Secs. 10-49. Issuance of Dog License and Tag details.**

- (a) At the time of issuing such license, the city clerk shall deliver to each applicant a tag containing the number of the license, the expiration date of the license, and the words, "City of Northville."
- (b) For each license the city clerk shall at the time and before issuing the license, and for each renewal of a license, collect from each applicant and pay into the city treasury a fee as established by resolution.
- (c) Such license tag must be attached to a collar of durable material and worn by the dog at all times.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for anyone, other than the registered owner of the dog, to remove such license tag from the dog or for anyone to attach such a license tag to any dog for which such tag was not issued.
- (e) Dog tags issued by the city are not transferable, nor may they be assigned to any other dog.
- (f) In the case of a lost dog tag, the city clerk shall, in every case, demand and collect and pay into the city treasury a fee as established by resolution for the issuance of duplicate tags.
- (g) The shape of the tag shall be changed each year.
- (h) Current license and vaccination tags must be worn by the dog for which issued at all times.

### **Secs. 10-50—10-75. Reserved.**